

Daily Word



Pray with Silent Unity

PEACE . . . Let liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace be established throughout the world, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding, and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: God within me is the light of my mind and the peace of my soul, and I know the way.

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PRAYER FOR PROSPERITY: "All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine," and I am prospered in all ways.

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PRAYER FOR HEALING: God within me controls my emotions and fills my body with harmonizing life, health, and peace.

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The Eternal Quality of Life

MARTHA SMOCK

THE WORLD has always had doubters and unbelievers. There have always been people to cry, "All is lost." But there have always been persons on the affirmative side of life, the children of light as it were. The persistence of faith, the persistence of belief in the underlying good, the persistence of the belief in the possibility of overcoming has been the strength that has upheld man through trials and troubles and brought him forth into new and living ways.

When Unity says "all is good" we do not ignore the fact that to human sense many things happen that seem far from good. Sometimes we are asked how we can proclaim that all is good when there are so many tragic happenings in the world, when children come into the world imperfect in mind or body, when the innocent are caught up in a mass tragedy of some sort, when there are crime and violence, when persons seem to be the victims of a blind fate or chance.

To maintain the faith that all is good is to look past the appearance, to see beneath the surface of things, and to perceive in all and through all an underlying current of good or an underlying presence that is the only reality.

There is an eternal quality to life, an indestructibility to life, a persistence to the life idea. It is only as we enlarge our view and lift up our concept of life and God that we are able to perceive man as he really is. Man is an eternal creation of God, moving forward in life, life that is without beginning or end, life that is not contained in a few years of existence, life that cannot be snuffed out, life that cannot be bound or held in a pattern of disease or deficiency. Life is a living, moving, evolving, unfolding process. It is eternal in quality, eternal in nature. All of us are part of this life—this eternal life of God.

Even though we are not always conscious of this life, do not always lay hold of it in mind or body, do not always stand in the freedom, the light, and the perfection of God, the truth is not diminished. The failure to recognize the life of God does not change the underlying pattern of good. It does not stop the working of the Spirit of God in us out of which we are created, by which we are carried forward, and through which we grow and unfold unto the Christ perfection

and Christ likeness.

The belief in the goodness of God at work in all persons and the faith in the eternal quality of man and of life rise up again and again to overcome doubt and fear, to bring light in darkness, and to open the blind eyes, the deaf ears, and the closed mind.

When appearances deny the good, then more than ever we need to look deeper into the meaning of things; we need to search out the truth; we need to seek answers.

When we seek light and Truth, when we try to comprehend man's place in the eternal, we see that despite appearances he is on an upward path, though the way seems full of twists and turns, though it seems at times that no progress is made, though it seems at times that he slips and falls back. Still the Truth is that his soul is patiently and inexorably selecting its way, learning to put on the God qualities of love and life and power, transcending the experience of the moment, entering into new and higher ways.

Sometimes we think of life as a road stretching before us. The fact may be that it is many roads, that our soul has many directions to take before it attains the full stature of spiritual man. Is the road we are on a difficult one? It will change; we will learn and gain the needed good; we will

move on to a new road of spiritual experience.

So we look at others and see them not as limited by the experiences of their lives, not as lost in the misery of life, not as cut off from God and good. We see them as children of God, with a perfect Spirit in them. We see them, no matter what their experiences, as moving into life, as possessing in themselves the eternal quality of life. If there are happenings that seem unfair or unjust, if there are experiences that are difficult to explain or to reconcile, we keep our faith in the underlying good. We think of the person who seems caught up in some tragic circumstances, not as a victim of fate, not as helpless or hopeless, but as a growing and unfolding child of God, on an eternal journey. We think of him as one whose soul is meeting and moving through experiences, retaining only the good and growth, and letting the rest go. We think of him as one we can bless with our prayers, one we can see as unbound, free, triumphing over all that is unlike God's perfection.

We have the faith to remember that man is more than the surface story, that we are more than we seem. We look at life not as finite, but as infinite, without beginning or ending, part of the whole, the perfect creation. We may not be able to understand or to explain why particular

experiences come but we do know and believe that in man is the infinite possibility of perfection. Not how man has been borne down, or how he has failed, or how he has suffered tells the real story of man. The real story of man is to be found in his triumphs, in his overcomings, in the way he has persisted and persisted in the eternal journey. Man is on his way toward God; we are all on our way toward putting on the Christlikeness because it is our destiny; we cannot do otherwise, because of the eternal quality of life in us.

YOU NEED NEVER FEEL ALONE

Always, night and day, someone is at prayer in Silent Unity, and you can have these prayers for yourself or another at any time.

God never fails, and God is never farther than a prayer. Silent Unity prays with faith in the power of God and in the power of prayer.

You can reach Silent Unity by telegraph, Unity, WUX, Kansas City, Missouri, or BALtimore 1-4720, Kansas City, Missouri, or by letter to Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

What one heart cannot bear alone, over a hundred loving hearts can bear with faith.

"Let not your heart be troubled."

"Lo, I am with you always."



The following are excerpts from letters written to DAILY WORD. We in Silent Unity wish to thank all of you, our readers, for the letters you write us, for your words of blessing and appreciation. We wish to thank you, too, for the way in which you live with and use DAILY WORD and for the ways in which you pass it and the Unity teaching along to others. We feel a sense of oneness with you, and we rejoice that the circle of our friends is growing larger day by day.

From New Jersey:

So often as I read the beautiful testimonials sent in to DAILY WORD I wish I could send one and express the feelings in my heart. I am now in my eighty-ninth year and DAILY WORD was passed on to me by a dear sister twenty-eight years ago. It has been my closest comfort and friend ever since. Somehow as one grows older, when there

are no children to bring up, no more house-keeping, no hungry mouths to feed—one has more time, more time to get close to God, to talk to God and not feel hurried and God has heard me so many times. So many times I have waited very patiently, but He has answered and oh! so for my good. Now I am so well and contented, so willing to accept "Thy will be done."

God is so near, so willing and your grand help is doing so much. That's why I'm writing. Each word a word of gratitude and thanks.

From New York:

I have been getting the DAILY WORD for almost a year now. I want to thank everyone and may God bless them all for printing this inspiring book.

Four years ago I moved to a new neighborhood, and was very unhappy to be away from my loved ones. I did not know what to do, until my darling daughter, who is married and lives away from me, sent me the DAILY WORD. I cannot thank her enough. It has changed my whole life. I have made new friends, and good things are coming my way.

I will send the DAILY WORD to others so they can also find love and understanding the way I did.

From Illinois:

Send DAILY WORD to me at my work so that people who come in to be interviewed will have something to calm them while they are waiting for me. I get such wonderful comfort from this little magazine, and all the employees I have say that they like my winning smile and that they find a real comfort when they talk to me. I tell them that the great overseer is my partner, who can do no wrong, and that I read DAILY WORD and the Bible before I start my day's work. Then I know that I can cope with anything and know that I am protected and guided. My employees are very much interested in my philosophy, and I am happy to know that I can help them in my little way.

From California:

Today when DAILY WORD came, I sat right down and read from the first meditation through the eighth. I had lost all courage. I have only one boarder and I am heavily in debt. My expenses go right on as if I had two or three boarders, but when I read August 6, "God loves me. I am important to Him," I certainly had a lift from heaven. Why, I never thought I have ever been important to God all this time! Oh, how good I felt. I shall do everything better now.

From Canada:

Your letter from Silent Unity was brought to me in the hospital. Mere thanks to you and to the Father are completely inadequate to convey all this wonderful experience has meant to me. I have never known such love, in me, around me, flowing to me—the pivot of all things. The thought I took was “I dwell in the love of God” and entering the hospital sometime before the operation I was able to work with it—seeing myself and the room and the hospital and all to do with it dwelling in the love of God. Whoever came to my room I mentally greeted the Christ in them. I am filled with joy that I was able to, or given grace to, fulfill that which you and my Father have taught me. My whole being seemed to swing outward in a great arc and gather in all—as if for a time I became God’s heart. Doesn’t that sound extravagant? *Something* certainly happened, for even before I entered the hospital beautiful, wonderful things began happening—and opportunity followed opportunity to give—people came to me from everywhere—nurses in the hospital, telephone calls, letters (unusual) each one seemingly ready, waiting for what the Father was giving me to pour out to them. The whole experience (despite moments of physical discomfort) has been a Feast. How true it is that

we *have* only what we *give*. For the joy that has filled my heart and been returned to my Father is far greater I am sure than anything or any word I have been the means of bringing to others.

Never have I so entered into—as living words—the DAILY WORD readings. They were written in gold for me, and I bless each one of you there, whatever part you share in its publication, in His name. There was one night in the hospital I was right with you, the light of your window around me—I needed you and called and there you were—and peace entered in as I became more and more conscious of His presence.

The time of struggle which I mentioned to you in a recent letter has been fully redeemed, and I am released to move forward more surely and with greater understanding to my calling in Christ.

From California:

Thank you so much for giving the world DAILY WORD. I keep a copy of it on my breakfast table and read it many times while I do my work.

The past summer my mother had two strokes and was in the hospital three months. But she is now walking with the aid of a cane, insists on making up her own bed, and dresses herself. She is seventy-six and reads her DAILY WORD. In fact, she keeps it handy at all times.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 1

"THY HEALING SHALL SPRING FORTH SPEEDILY." THIS PROMISE OF GOD'S HEALING POWER IS ACCEPTED BY ME, AND I AM MADE WHOLE.

IF YOU believe that only some conditions, but not all conditions, can be healed through spiritual methods, you need to enlarge your concept of God as the great healer.

Persons often ask Unity teachers, "Can I be healed of this condition that I have been told is incurable?" Invariably, the answer is, "With God all healing is possible." Then they cry out in their search for understanding, "What is required of me in order that I may experience God's healing power?"

God is life, and life is freely given to each of us. We limit our expression of life by our failure to accept it. Prayer makes possible our acceptance of life. Faith opens the way for the life we accept to flow in and through our bodies. Praise of this life assures us that we will see healing spring forth speedily. These three then—prayer, faith, and praise—condition us to believe in life.

♣ *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily.—ISA. 58:8.*

OCTOBER 2

Thursday

INFINITE WISDOM GUIDES ME INTO PERFECT EMPLOYMENT, AND I AM PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL.

IF YOU are looking for right employment, remember that there is a place for you where you can serve well, be happy, and find satisfaction. Pray about your need for employment.

Just as you are seeking your good, your good is seeking you. Take time to evaluate yourself. Consider your qualifications. Are you a good worker? Are you efficient and trustworthy? Do you give full measure in service performed? Employers are always looking for capable, competent, outstanding workers. As you pray, ask God to reveal to you how you can best use your capabilities. Ask God to give you the wisdom to seek employment in the right place with the right spirit. Then give thanks that your opportunity to serve is at hand and that you are quickened to perceive and to accept your good.

Go forward with courage and confidence, with a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Know that infinite wisdom guides you into your perfect employment and you are successful.

♣ *I have set before thee a door opened.*—REV. 3:8.

Friday

OCTOBER 3

I HONOR THE LORD WITH MY SUBSTANCE.

THE importance of tithing to the church of our choice, of giving of "the firstfruits of all thine increase," is well understood by most of us. But many times our desire to share our substance with persons who are in need poses problems. When to give? What to give? How to give? These are the questions that arise.

We have a sincere desire to give, to be generous, thoughtful, and helpful. But we want to give when it will be most happily received; we want to give what is desired and we want to give in a way that will be a blessing to the recipient.

As we pray to "honor the Lord" with the substance of our thought we will be certain of right thinking concerning those needing prosperity. As we pray to "honor the Lord" with the substance of our faith we will stand fast in the knowledge that there is plenty for all God's children and all God's children are quickened with this knowledge. As we pray to "honor the Lord" with our substance we will give at the acceptable time the perfect gift in a loving way.

♣ *Honour the LORD with thy substance.*—PROV. 3:9 (A.V.).

OCTOBER 4

Saturday

I RELAX, LET GO, AND LET GOD'S ABIDING SPIRIT RENEW AND REFRESH ME.

IT is well to begin your day with prayer—to put first things first. Take time to be still and quiet your mind. Let the knowledge of God's abiding Spirit fill you to overflowing. A feeling of refreshment and renewal will come as you pray.

Have you felt weighed down by many tasks? Have you been tense and irritable? A wonderful way to regain freedom and poise is to relax, let go, and let God's abiding Spirit renew and refresh you.

If you should feel frustrated about some situation or if you should feel that you do not have the time to do what needs to be done, remember that God is always with you. You are equal to whatever is before you. Relax! Let go! Let God! Very quickly a sense of calmness and assurance will return to you, and God's accomplishing Spirit will work in and through you.

♣ *They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.*
—ISA. 40:31.

Sunday

OCTOBER 5

I LET GOD'S LAW OF LOVE OPERATE IN MY
LIFE AND IN MY AFFAIRS.

I DEPEND on God's love to establish right conditions in my life. If someone makes an unkind remark, I do not allow myself to be disturbed or unhappy. I do not brood over what has been said in a careless or thoughtless way. I build no walls of ill feeling that may separate me from experiencing God's love or from sharing the love of my fellow man. Instead, I know that God's law of love is operating in my life and in all other lives.

When God's law of love is operating, there can be only understanding, tolerance, and good will. If I need to be quickened in the knowledge of this law's operation I pray: "No person has the power or desire to hurt me or to disturb my peace and serenity. I freely forgive and forget any unkindness. Love fills my mind and overflows into my affairs. I resolve to be loving and kind and to treat all people as I would like to be treated. In this way I am acting as a son of God should act."

♣ *Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father.—MATT. 5:44, 45.*

OCTOBER 6

Monday

I AM STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, FOR GOD IS WITH ME.

BE STRONG and of good courage, fear not . . . for Jehovah thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Robert Frost once defined courage as acting on limited knowledge. In a sense, we always act on limited knowledge, for humanly we do not see the whole answer or the whole way. But we can go ahead in faith; we can act with courage because we know that God is with us and that He will not fail us nor forsake us. "Faith without works is dead." Courage is the quality that makes faith workable. It brings faith past the theoretical to the practical; courage is the "go-power" in us.

The development of courage can be continual in us. Every day we have decisions to make and situations to meet. The more we act positively and fearlessly, the more courageous we feel and the more power and ability we feel. For when we dare to trust God we find how truly secure our footing is. And faith rises up strong within us.

♣ *Be strong and of good courage, fear not.*—DEUT. 31:6.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 7

I OPEN MY HEART TO GOD IN PRAYER AND I
AM BLESSED.

SOMETIMES we in Silent Unity are asked: "How should I pray? Should I pray for a certain thing or should I pray that God's will be done?"

Our answer is that you should pray in the way that your heart dictates. Pray in a relaxed and comfortable position. Pray silently or aloud. Pray specifically or pray, "God's will be done." But pray in faith; pray with an open heart; pray with a thankful spirit.

God will guide you in the way of your prayer, just as He will guide you in the way of all your life. He will show you when to pray specifically, and He will show you when it is better just to pray, knowing that step by step the right solution will be forthcoming.

Today open your heart to God and know that He will put the right prayer in your heart. Your words will be His words; your way will be His way, and you will be blessed.

♣ *The Holy Spirit . . . shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.*
—JOHN 14:26.

OCTOBER 8

Wednesday

MY BONES ARE STRENGTHENED, MY BODY IS
RENEWED AND PERFECTED BY THE POWER
OF GOD WITHIN ME.

THERE IS a particular phase of healing that is mentioned a number of times in the Scriptures. That phase of healing has to do with the bones of the body. Here are some Bible verses to inspire us as we work with the ideas in today's prayer:

"Pleasant words are *as* a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine;
But a broken spirit drieth up the bones."

"The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart;
And good tidings make the bones fat."

"A bone of him shall not be broken."

These verses point to the power of positive thoughts, good words, and a joyous spirit that can strengthen the bones in our bodies. One who demonstrated this truth was Charles Fillmore, the cofounder of Unity. Through prayer his withered leg was filled out and lengthened so that he was able to dispense with the use of a cane.

♣ *Your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish.*
—ISA. 66:14.

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME.

WITH THE dawn of each new day comes the inspiring thought: God is always with me! His protecting care has unfolded me all through the night, and now my waking hours are joyous with His presence. Night and day, God is always with me!

I give thanks for God's loving companionship. Wherever I go or whatever I do He strengthens, upholds, and inspires me. He is my guide, my counselor, and my all-sufficiency in all things. Doubts and fears disappear as I realize that "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me." At the close of each day His rewarding, "Well done," fills my heart with joy. My way through life can never seem dreary or lonely, for again and again I hear the reassuring word, "Lo, I am with you always!"

This is an unchanging, unfailing companionship. Friends, relationships, times, and circumstances may change, but God abides forever. Never, never shall I walk alone, for God is always with me.

♣ *He that sent me is with me; he hath not left me alone.*—JOHN 8:29.

OCTOBER 10

Friday

THROUGH THE CHRIST MIND YOU ARE UNIFIED IN THOUGHT, PURPOSE, AND UNDERSTANDING, AND INSPIRED TO RIGHT ACTION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL MANKIND.

PEOPLE THE world over are praying for peace and for the world leaders. We may not be phrasing our prayers in exactly the same way, perhaps we are not using the same words, but our desires spring from the same Spirit.

World leaders stand very much in need of our blessings and prayers. We reinforce these leaders in their good work when we have faith in the Christ in them. To each and every world leader let us speak the words of today's prayer. Let us know that these men and women are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding and that they are inspired to right action for the good of not just themselves, not just their own people, not just their own country, but for the good of all people.

Praying together in this manner with this faith is our first step in endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

♣ *We, who are many, are one body in Christ.*—ROM. 12:5.

Saturday

OCTOBER 11

I DEAL HONESTLY WITH OTHER PERSONS,
AND OTHER PERSONS DEAL HONESTLY WITH
ME.

HAVE YOU EVER questioned the honesty of another person? Have you ever felt that the price of a commodity or a service seemed "out of line"? At times when we are planning to invest in real estate, an automobile, or some other expensive item, we feel that the persons we are dealing with must be watched. Or, perhaps, we feel that we should bargain or shop around to get someone to lower his price for our benefit.

As we ask God to guide us, all of our business dealings will be successful and satisfying. We will have faith in the people with whom we are dealing. As we pray to deal honestly and fairly with other persons, we will attract only honest and fair treatment. If we have had an experience that indicated that persons are dishonest, let us release this thought and prove the attracting power of the right attitude.

I have walked in mine integrity:

I have trusted also in Jehovah without wavering.

—PSALMS 26:1.

OCTOBER 12

Sunday

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MY SUPPLY. I HAVE
PLENTY TO MEET MY EVERY NEED.

DO YOU have need for greater supply? Do you wish to demonstrate more prosperity? Are there material things that would make you happier and give you a greater sense of satisfaction and well-being? It is natural and normal to have these desires and to want to know how to bring increased prosperity into your affairs.

God is the Source of all the good in the universe. He is the Source of prosperity. We demonstrate supply for all our needs according to the measure of our faith and our ability to work with God and to let Him work in and through us. When we pray in faith we are able to let go of thoughts of doubt and anxiety as to how our needs shall be met. His wisdom and guidance reveal ways by which we can increase our supply. He gives us new ideas and shows us how to use them to be productive. Through prayer we are able to see our part in laying hold of supply, and we are able to do our part in an outer way.

✦ *I seek for the fruit that increaseth . . . and my God shall supply every need.*—PHIL. 4:17, 19.



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Good Day



What do I wish when I wish you *Good Day*?
God's light on your path every step of the way,
His joy in your heart and His love ever near
To guide you and bless you and all you hold dear.

A spirit at peace, and a heart full of praise,
The faith to walk firmly in difficult ways,
Success in each task, from beginning to end,
I wish, when I give you this greeting, my friend.

For a good day is one that is filled, every hour,
With all of God's goodness and beauty and power;
With joyous attainment, good cheer and good health,
And riches surpassing earth's vision of wealth;

A good day, a God day . . . they're one and the same.
I greet you and bless you in Christ's holy name;
May His Presence enfold you, make perfect your way.
I wish you the best when I wish you *Good Day*!

—R. H. Grenville



Monday

OCTOBER 13

TODAY I TAKE TIME TO LISTEN.

SOMETIMES we are so busy thinking about this or about that, sometimes we are so busy talking, or sometimes we are just so busy, that we do not have time to listen. It is by listening that we learn the deepest truths.

Even in times of prayer it is possible to think so "loudly" that the still, small voice, ever counseling from within, is unnoticed and unheard. Today let us quiet our thoughts and our voices that we may learn from the Spirit of God within us what He would have us know and do.

In our times of prayer let us open our ears inward to God's guiding presence and say, "Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth." Then let us listen patiently for His ideas, which will inevitably come to us.

When other persons are speaking, let us listen that we may be quickened to the inspiration that is found in the sharing of ideas. As we take time to listen we find that we are a part of the harmony of the music of life that is going on about us.

♣ *Blessed are . . . your ears, for they hear.*—MATT. 13:16.

OCTOBER 14

Tuesday

I AM FRESH, VIGOROUS, VITAL, AND BUOY-
ANT.

LET US consider birthdays. No matter what day you celebrate as your birthday, will this day find you fresh, vigorous, vital, and buoyant? Will you find this day a happy time?

Some of us anticipate birthdays with pleasure. Some of us anticipate them with dread. Actually each birthday simply affords us another opportunity to reaffirm our faith in the ever-renewing life of God within us.

It does not matter what year we were born. But it is important for us to know that we were born of God's eternal life. Let us accept each day as a day of new birth; then we will have many happy birthdays to celebrate.

Let us accept the truth of today's prayer for ourselves and for the persons we love. Let us know that we are fresh, vigorous, vital, and buoyant. Let that knowledge find expression in our posture, in our words, in our actions, and in our outlook. Let us behold our loved ones as fresh, vigorous, vital, and buoyant. We will then see them as they outpicture God's renewing life.

♣ *Thou hast the dew of thy youth.*—PSALMS 110:3.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 15

I REJOICE THAT NEITHER TIME, NOR SPACE,
NOR CIRCUMSTANCE CAN EVER SEPARATE ME
FROM THOSE I LOVE. WE ARE ONE IN GOD'S
LOVE FOREVER.

NOTHING can separate me from my loved ones. Even if they have passed beyond my physical sight, the love that drew us together in the beginning still abides with us. Though I no longer have the pleasure of seeing their outer form, I am comforted by the realization that wherever they are, they are being blessed by every happy, beautiful thought that I think concerning them.

Our hearts still beat as one with God's heart. I realize that any sadness in my heart because of the changes that have come into our experience can be replaced with peace through God's help. I seek this help in prayer. I resolve that whenever I think of my loved ones I will bless them, free them, and see them infolded in the love of God. Surely the love that provided us time of growth together will provide the further growth that will mean fulfillment for each of us in a perfect way.

♣ *Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*—PSALMS 30:5 (A.V.).

OCTOBER 16

Thursday

I AM NEVER LONELY. GOD'S LOVE THAT EXPRESSES THROUGH ME ATTRACTS MANY WONDERFUL FRIENDS INTO MY LIFE.

“**A** MAN that hath friends must shew himself friendly.” I realize that if I am to have friends I must develop a friendly spirit. I develop this spirit by letting God's love express through me—through my thinking and through my feeling. As I let God's love take possession of me I know that many wonderful and interesting friends will be drawn into my life.

God's love that expresses through me makes it easy for me to be harmonious and understanding. Since I am centered in God's love, there is no resistance, no resentment, and no criticism in me, for me, or against me. As I allow God's love full sway in my life I find that people of similar ideas and ideals are drawn into my every day experience.

Right now I give thanks that God's love is expressing through me attracting many wonderful friends into my life and making me a good friend to others.

♦ *A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly.*
—PROV. 18:24 (A.V.).

Friday

OCTOBER 17

GOD'S LIGHT SHINES IN MY MIND; GOD'S LIFE
HEALS MY BODY.

MANY TIMES when a special need for healing arises we start to search ourselves to see where we have fallen short. What have we done or what have we failed to do? What wrong thinking have we indulged in to bring about this condition?

If your mind needs to know these things in order to find peace and to be healed and helped, why not let your prayer be for light? Preface your healing prayer with a thought of illumination. You may be certain that if there is a cause that should be uncovered it will be revealed to you. Then let your prayer be for life.

Healing comes through looking directly to the cause of the cure, to God. God's life created us, God's life sustains us. The way of acting or the way of thinking that has brought us to the place where we now find ourselves is not nearly so important as our present acceptance of the thought that God is the cause of the cure. God's life is unlimited, powerful, forceful, free. Accept this life, use it, and let it use you.

♣ *I give unto them eternal life.*—JOHN 10:28.

OCTOBER 18

Saturday

I FOLLOW THE CHRIST, I DO NOT QUESTION
THE ACTIONS OF OTHER PERSONS.

WHAT *is that* to thee? follow thou me." These are Jesus' words of spiritual instruction that I find invaluable in daily living. If I am troubled about the actions or affairs of other persons I immediately turn my attention to these words and seek to govern myself accordingly.

If I find myself being critical of other persons or if I am out of harmony with some situation, I question myself, "*What is that* to thee? follow thou me." This attitude does not mean that I am unconcerned with the welfare of others; this does not mean that I have no interest in helping to establish right, orderly, and harmonious conditions. It does mean that, rather than add any personal thought of condemnation to the situation, I am placing everyone concerned in God's care. It may not be possible for me to set things right by reasoning or by talking, but by prayer I can trust God to bring about that which is for the highest good of all. My part is to keep my own self and my own actions in accord with the good.

✦ *What is that to thee? follow thou me.*—JOHN 21:22.

Sunday

OCTOBER 19

"GOD SENDS HIS CHILDREN JOY AND PEACE,
GOOD HEALTH AND WISDOM AND IN-
CREASE."

"**G**OD SENDS His children joy and peace." I accept these words of the familiar hymn for myself. I now live and express God's joy and peace. I meet each day with joy in my heart and peace in my mind. I give all persons I see a special blessing so that they can be joyous and peaceful.

"God sends His children . . . good health." His vitalizing life fills me to overflowing. I give thanks for my strong, healthy body, for my dexterous, useful hands, for my unfaltering, steadfast feet, and for my perfect sight and hearing. I give thanks that my mind, my every organ, and my every function are in divine order.

"God sends His children . . . wisdom and increase." I am wise in all that I say and do. I am wise in the handling of the substance that I attract into my care. My mind is filled with an abundance of creative, fertile ideas. My life abounds in all that is needed to make me feel secure.

♣ *The LORD shall give that which is good.*—PSALMS 85:12 (A.V.).

OCTOBER 20

Monday

I MEET CHANGES CALMLY. I ADJUST TO NEW SITUATIONS EASILY. I WELCOME PROGRESS JOYOUSLY.

CHANGE IS good. What may appear at first to be an unwelcome breaking up of familiar conditions can be a time of progress and of greater good for me. If I turn to God in such an experience and trust Him to sustain, to guide, and to reveal the good, I find it easy to be nonresistant, poised, and emotionally balanced throughout changing circumstances.

Change can mean that I am discarding a condition that I have outgrown. Change can bring new strength of character, emotional maturity, and an awareness of the possibilities of a more expansive life. Change does not mean failure. When change comes to me, I can know that I have gained all the good from the particular situation that is changing and that I am ready for some new experience.

I make good changes. I meet changes calmly. I adjust to new situations easily. I welcome progress joyously.

* *If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away.*—II COR. 5:17.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 21

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I FORGIVE
AND I AM FORGIVEN.

ONE OF the most freeing things we can do is to forgive. We can let go of the hurts of the past by forgiving them if they come to mind. If we remember with grief or bitterness what another person has said or has done, if we have painful recollections of some experience, let us say to the person or experience: "In the name of Jesus Christ I forgive you and bless you. In the name of Jesus Christ I release you now."

When we speak the word of forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ we enter into His forgiving consciousness; we rise above the personal, human consciousness that finds it difficult to forgive. The Christ, the Son of God in us, has authority on earth to forgive. Let us rest in and believe in His forgiveness for ourselves, as well as for others; let us let His forgiving Spirit find expression in us and through us.

Today we forgive; today we are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

♣ *The Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins.*—MATT. 9:6.

OCTOBER 22

Wednesday

DEAR GOD, I LOVE AND APPRECIATE THE
BREATH OF LIFE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME.

THANK YOU, dear God, for the breath of life you have breathed into me. I am grateful and humble as I realize that You have given me the very breath that I now breathe.

Life takes on new meaning and new value as I realize that I am breathing Your pure breath of life. This breath brings Your cleansing, renewing life into every part of my being, and I am grateful.

I have a new reverence for Your life within me and I feel a new appreciation of all life around me. I am filled with a new sense of freedom, of security, and of power to overcome all weakness as I realize that "I breathe the breath of the Almighty."

How can I express my thanks and true appreciation for Your gift of life to me? I know that I can best express my thanks by the way in which I use this gift. I remind myself that I am using God's breath of life each moment and I shall use it wisely, lovingly, and constructively.

♣ *The breath of the Almighty giveth me life.*—JOB 33:4.

Thursday

OCTOBER 23

I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN YOU. I SEE YOU
STRONG, COURAGEOUS, AND FREE.

IT is well when we are praying for the freedom of other persons, especially for the freedom of those close to us, to first clear our minds of all anxiety concerning them. Let us remember that the Christ of God is in every person. This Christ Spirit knows that which is required in each individual's life. We can trust this Spirit to guide our loved ones, to strengthen them, to give them courage, and to make them free.

If our tendency is to worry, let us bless ourselves so that we take right attitudes and keep steadfast faith. Instead of relying on human wisdom and will, to guide and direct other persons, let us rely on the Christ Spirit in them to lead them into all good.

Behold the Christ in your loved ones. Let them know that you see them strong, courageous, and free. Behold the Christ in your loved ones. Praise them for all that they do that is Christlike; praise them when they are unfettered, unbound, and triumphant.

♣ *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.—GAL. 5:1 (A.V.).*

OCTOBER 24

Friday

I RECOGNIZE MY TRUE IDENTITY AND I BLESS MYSELF.

I BLESS myself even as I have consciously blessed other persons. Just as I have dedicated my thoughts to the truth about my neighbor, I now dedicate my thoughts to the truth about myself.

I forgive myself. As I have sincerely forgiven my brother, I now freely accept God's forgiveness for myself. I see myself as I am—the beautiful and beloved, the good and joyous, and the deathless and triumphant child of God.

I recognize my true identity. I am the individualization, the offspring, and the expression of God.

I praise and bless myself, body, mind, and soul. I bless my body with the youth that I know is eternal. I bless my mind with the richness that is God's gift. I bless my soul with the peace that is my heritage. Today I see myself as God sees me; I am a reconsecrated child of God. Today I recognize my true identity.

✦ *Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*
—MATT. 25:34.

Saturday

OCTOBER 25

GOD IS MY ALL-PROVIDING RESOURCE, AND I TRUST HIM TO PROSPER ME IN ALL THAT I DO.

“SEEK ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you,” said Jesus. He knew beyond a shadow of doubt the infallibility of this miracle-working law when it is practiced.

We can prove in our own lives the rule Jesus gave—seek God first. We can claim Him as our all-providing resource.

Jesus did not mention the ways in which the bounty of God should come forth. He did not stipulate the means by which the bounty of God should take form. Neither is it necessary for us to decide just how our supply is to come to us, nor just where our supply is to come from. Our part is to work diligently and faithfully with God as we are directed in prayer, and there shall be no end to the increase of His good. In our seeking we will find that trustful spirits, open minds, and willing hands help to bring His kingdom and His righteousness into our lives and affairs.

♣ *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*—MATT. 21:22.

OCTOBER 26

Sunday

MY TRUST IS IN GOD. I REST IN HIS LOVE AND
I AM REFRESHED IN MIND AND IN BODY.

As I greet each new day I know that God is everywhere evenly present and that I always live, move, and have my being in His love. My trust is in God.

As I start a day I turn to God in prayer. I acknowledge His help in everything I have to do, from my smallest task to my greatest undertaking. I know God loves me and is helping me in every way that I need to be helped.

As the day progresses I find some time to turn to God again. He renews my strength, my interest, and my enthusiasm. I work with renewed vigor, with increased efficiency, and with satisfying results.

As the day draws to a close, I give thanks for the good it has been my privilege to accomplish, and for the satisfaction my day's work has brought me. I place all unfinished work in His care and all unsolved problems in His hands. I give myself and all that concerns me into His keeping as I drift into peaceful, refreshing sleep.

♣ *Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest.*—MATT. 11:28.

Monday

OCTOBER 27

MY GIFT MAKES ROOM FOR ME.

THERE IS room in God's ever-expanding universe for every person and his particular talents. Whenever and wherever we give expression to the powers and abilities of God within us, we find that we are needed and that our contribution is welcomed and recompensed and appreciated.

If we need right employment, let us begin with the thought of what we have, rather than of what we lack. Not our needs but our gifts make room for us and bring us into larger fields and into happier and more prosperous ways. The greatest gift that we possess is the gift of God's own Spirit. Out of this Spirit we shape the pattern of our lives, our thoughts, our feelings, and our attitudes. Out of this Spirit we bring into being the latent talents and abilities with which God has endowed us.

The gift of God's Spirit within us makes for an ever-expanding self; the expression of God's Spirit through us makes for an ever-expanding way of life. The gift of God's Spirit makes room for us.

♣ *A man's gift maketh room for him.*—PROV. 18:16 ♣

OCTOBER 28

Tuesday

BLESSED ARE MY EYES, FOR THEY SEE.

I AM grateful for my eyes and for my perfect sight. No longer do I take my eyes for granted, but I pause occasionally to praise and bless these wonderful organs of sight for the work they have done and are doing for me.

I do not abuse my eyes with strain. I use good judgment. I let God guide me in the developing of habits of vision that will keep my eyes relaxed at all times. I remember that my eyes are organs of light, created to see in the light. The Bible says, "In thy light shall we see light." Not only do my eyes need this outer light and brightness for health, but they also need the inward light for perfect functioning. Particularly will I keep my mind free from the thoughts of pessimism and sadness that tend to cloud my vision. My eyes require and receive my sincere blessing and prayers and the co-operation of bright, happy, and optimistic thinking.

When I live in the light, it is easy to let God's joy smile through my eyes. Smiling eyes are relaxed eyes, and relaxed eyes see clearly and perfectly.

* *Blessed are your eyes, for they see.*—MATT. 13:16.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 29

GOD'S SPIRIT OF DIVINE JUSTICE IS CONSTANTLY AT WORK IN MY AFFAIRS AND I AM PEACEFUL AND SERENE.

I BELIEVE in God's spirit of divine justice. I know that divine justice is constantly at work in my affairs establishing right and orderly conditions. I keep my thoughts peaceful and harmonious, for right thinking transforms every experience into a blessing.

I do not allow appearances to affect my faith. As I keep my faith strong and unwavering I am invulnerable to the belief that other persons have the power to hurt me or to keep my good from me. I affirm with all my heart and mind, "God's spirit of divine justice is constantly at work in my affairs and I am peaceful and serene." My faith in divine justice opens the way for God's spirit of justice to operate successfully in my life and in all my affairs.

I rejoice and give thanks that I have placed myself under God's law of divine justice. Justice rules my affairs, and my own comes to me in accord with God's good purposes.

♣ *Then shalt thou understand righteousness and justice.*
—PROV. 2:9.

Thursday

TEACH ME, FATHER, HOW TO THINK AND PRAY. TEACH ME, FATHER, TO LIVE YOUR WAY.

DEAR FATHER-GOD, teach me to listen for Your instruction. Teach me to follow Your guidance. Teach me to forgive and to accept forgiveness. Teach me to love as You love without partiality or possessiveness.

Teach me to look for the blessing in every experience. Teach me to do my part in bringing about an answer to every prayer. Teach me when to be still, when to let go, and when to let You work in me, through me, and for me. Teach me to bless every person and every thing in my world. Teach me to do Your will and to know without a doubt that the results will always be good.

Teach me to give the things that I do not understand into Your care and to have no fear. Teach me to have faith in Your high purposes, which are always at work. Teach me to be content and to live calmly in Your light. Teach me to be a peacemaker.

I give thanks that You have taught me that You are my Father.

♣ *Guide me in thy truth, and teach me.*—PSALMS 25:5.

Friday

OCTOBER 31

I LIVE AND MOVE IN THE SAFETY OF GOD'S PRESENCE AT ALL TIMES.

WHEN WE step into a car or take our place at the wheel we should affirm that we are surrounded by the power of God, which is the very essence of order and safe-keeping at all times.

God works through us to protect us by giving us clear vision and perfect hearing. God's life in our reflexes gives them the quickness of youth, and our muscles immediately respond to our thoughts. God's intelligence in our minds gives them the alertness of experience and our nerves are calm, steady, and strong.

God's wisdom governs our actions on the road. His love inspires us with courtesy and thoughtfulness. Divine Mind never wanders; so our attention never lapses. Our divine intuition is quickened; we understand the actions of others and we are always prepared and in control.

All our journeys have happy endings, for we live and move in the safety of God's presence at all times.

♣ *I . . . have covered thee in the shadow of my hand.*
—ISA. 51:16.

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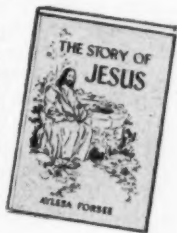
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Prodigal's Prayer

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

Ah, what a spendthrift time is fall!
October is a prodigal,
With trees like bonfires, holding back
No leaf for fear of winter's lack.

O God, who touches any tree
In fall with fire, touch fire to me!
Let all my leaves be loveliness
Of thought, and let me have no less
Than oak or elm the gift to stir
Bright visions in the wayfarer.

O infinite and healing heart
Of beauty, let me too be part :
Of fall's flamboyant joy and give
Myself away to life and live!

